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Applicant:

Title:

Appl. No.:

09/890,186

Appl. Filing Date: 10/09/2001

Examiner:

V. Balasubramanian

Art Unit:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C., §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

[X]	Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on <u>April 24, 2003</u> .
[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.
[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
[]	Other

b. Enclosed are:

Amendment/Reply.

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[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
[]	Information Disclosure Statement.
[]	Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s).
r 1	Other .

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present			Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)								\$750.00		\$750.00
Total Claims:	16		27	=	0	×		\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	1	_	3	=	0	×		\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation	on of any M	ultiple	e Dependent	Cla	ims:	_ +	:	\$280.00	=	\$0.00
					C	CLAIM	S FEE	TOTAL:	=	\$750.00

[X] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

\$110.00	\$110.00	Extension for response filed within the first month:	[X]				
\$0.00	\$410.00	Extension for response filed within the second month:	[]				
\$0.00	\$930.00	Extension for response filed within the third month:	[]				
\$0.00	\$1,450.00	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	[]				
\$0.00	\$1,970.00	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	[]				
\$110.00	N FEE TOTAL:	EXTENSION					
\$860.00	N FEE TOTAL:	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:					
\$0.00	½ of above):	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):					
\$0.00	R. § 1.103(c)] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)					
\$860.00	TOTAL FEE:	TOTAL FEE:					

- [X] A check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date June 24, 2003

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